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Dear Ms Young,

Thanks for sharing this important report by Dr. Garland with our Committee

Rock Owens

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

Jacquelyn Young wrote:

Good morning,

As members of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Community Advisory Committee, I feel it is important that we understand how the EPA has treated similar sites across the nation. Earlier this year, the San Jacinto River Coalition contracted Dr. Kathleen Garland to review Superfund sites with similar contamination and location characteristics as the Waste Pits. Dr. Garland is a Geologist and Lecturer of Environmental Management at the University of Houston Clear Lake (UHCL). Dr. Garland had extensive experience in industry, government, and consulting before joining the faculty at UHCL.

Out of hundreds of Superfund Sites, she found 7 with similar characteristics to the Waste Pits- one of which is also in Region 6. Dr. Garland observed that at all 7 sites, the remedy selected required removal of sediment with the highest concentration of contaminants. She highlighted that leaving the contaminated sediment in situ would *not* have met the EPA's policies in the National Contingency Plan for management of principal threat waste. It should also be noted that at most of the 7 sites studied, the EPA took control of the site. Attached you will find Dr. Garland's executive summary and full report.

The residents and environment in Harris County should be treated no differently than anywhere else in the US.

Thank you,

Jackie Young
Executive Director
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